



## RYDE SOCIAL HERITAGE GROUP

### MR. THOMAS DASHWOOD



East side

IN MEMORY OF  
THOMAS DASHWOOD  
BORN DECEMBER 17TH 1788  
DIED JULY 20TH 1861

North side

ALSO  
ELIZABETH, WIFE OF  
THOMAS DASHWOOD  
BORN MAY 14TH 1788  
DIED APRIL 22ND 1864

Thomas Dashwood was born at Whippingham and moved to Ryde as a young man to seek his fortune. He became one of the town's most famous builders. Over the years his reputation grew as the town of Ryde grew in importance and wealth, especially with Queen Victoria deciding to have one of her main homes on the Isle of Wight.

There are many monuments existing to his skill as a builder in Ryde e.g. Brigstocke Terrace, the Market House and Town Hall, Holy Trinity Church and St. Thomas' Church (replacing the small St. Thomas' chapel). He also built the large impressive St. Clare at Appley, now demolished. Other works include St. Catherines' Lighthouse, Andover Church and numerous private and public buildings.

He was one of the wealthiest business men Ryde has ever produced.